

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## INTRODUCING THE JUVENILE PROTECTION FROM SEX SLAVERY TRAFFICKING ACT OF 2004

**HON. RAHM EMANUEL**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 2004*

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, as the world celebrates International Women's Day today, I am proud to rise with Representatives BURTON of Indiana, ANDREWS, CARDOZA, CHANDLER, ENGLISH, FROST, HOYER, MCCARTHY of Missouri, MILLER of Florida, and SANDLIN to introduce the Juvenile Protection from Sex Slavery Trafficking Act of 2004. Today, we recognize the female struggle for equality, justice, peace, and development in the political and economic process. The legislation we introduce today represents a step toward achieving those goals.

This bill takes an important step toward increasing penalties against individuals convicted of trafficking predominantly girls who are bought and sold as sex slaves. This bill treats kingpins of such trafficking networks just like drug kingpins responsible for the destruction of the futures and lives of our children.

The bill allows for capital punishment of kingpins who organize and operate child sex trafficking networks in the United States. These kingpins who engage in the most contemptible behavior often lure underage victims through befriending their families, many of whom reside in the poorest developing countries, and prey on their hopes for a better life. In an effort to kidnap their victims, kingpins convince parents that their children will be taught a useful trade, or they falsely promise marriage to daughters who are ultimately forced into prostitution. These broken promises often result in ruined lives and considerable suffering for the victim and the families.

Mr. Speaker, in response to this despicable behavior, the Juvenile Protection from Sex Slavery Trafficking Act of 2004 makes available the strongest possible punishment against perpetrators of these inhumane crimes against defenseless children. I strongly encourage my colleagues to support this legislation as a powerful step to protect the world's children from this despicable crime.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 2004*

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, due to illness, I was absent for rollcall vote No. 34 on H. Res. 530 and rollcall vote No. 38 on H.R. 1561.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on each of these rollcall votes.

## JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 2004*

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, the current unemployment rate is too high, especially for Hispanics and African Americans.

President Bush has overseen the disappearance of a record 2.9 million private sector jobs since 2001. The overall unemployment rate has stalled at 5.6 percent. It would be even higher if it included 1.7 million Americans who are no longer searching for employment.

The Hispanic rate rose from 6.6 percent to 7.4 percent. The manufacturing sector shed 2.8 million jobs in 3 years, job losses that disproportionately hurt Hispanics.

Last month, President Bush predicted 2.6 million jobs would be created in 2004. But how can we trust him? His own advisers did not stand by his predictions. The administration later stated that they overestimated the number of jobs the President would create.

The President's predictions are continually wrong. In 2002, he predicted 3 million jobs would be created in 2003. As the residents of the Inland Empire know all too well, those 3 million jobs never materialized.

The administration still does not get it. They claimed that letting manufacturing jobs move to China is good for the economy. They claimed that what is needed are cuts to Social Security and Medicare instead of rescinding the tax cuts to wealthy Americans.

Because of inaction, Hispanics and other minorities are being hit hard. We are out of work at higher rates than ever before. Unemployment benefits are ending. Food banks and hunger organizations report that more people are asking for help.

We are marching towards a jobless recovery. Corporate profits are expected to rise by 17 percent this year, but average wages for those who have jobs have fallen. Hispanics and other minorities are suffering. No one is hiring. Their benefits are gone, and people do not know what to do.

We need to help the unemployed. We need to give them job training, unemployment benefits, and health care. We need to stop the outsourcing of jobs overseas.

Unless Congress and the administration recognize the problems that face the American worker, the unemployment rate will rise and our economy will not recover.

## ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL CUTS HOUSING LIFELINE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

**HON. BARNEY FRANK**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 2004*

Mr. FRANK. Mr. Speaker, I was unhappy—although not surprised—to see the President's

most recent assault on programs that provide housing for people in great need. The administration's 2005 budget proposal calling for deep cuts in the section 8 program will have many harmful effects if it is enacted, and among those who will be most damaged by it are people with disabilities.

Recently, the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force documented the great social harm that will result if we adopt the President's approach. This coalition, as Members can see by looking at the list of signatories of the document I am here inserting into the RECORD, broadly represents the major organizations in this country representing the needs of people with disabilities.

To quote from this Consortium's conclusion,

The CCD Housing Task Force strongly believes that the Administration's Flexible Voucher Program proposal would significantly erode housing assistance for the poorest people with disabilities. We believe this proposal actually undermines stated Administration disability policy goals designed to promote community integration under the New Freedom Initiative and end chronic homelessness.

Mr. Speaker, the deeply flawed proposal the President has made to restrict section 8 housing vouchers will be one of the most important issues we will be debating in this Congress. No group has more to tell us about it than the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities and I ask that the very important position paper of the Consortium's Housing Task Force be printed here so that Members will have the benefit of it during this debate.

## POSITION PAPER ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 2005 HUD BUDGET PROPOSAL, SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

### ADMINISTRATION PROPOSAL WOULD CUT HOUSING LIFELINE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The Bush Administration's FY 2005 HUD Budget proposal calls for deep cuts in the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The budget also would radically alter the fundamental design of the program by converting it to a block grant administered by Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) for the benefit of higher income households. The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Housing Task Force (CCD Housing Task Force) is strongly opposed to the Administration's budget proposal which would cut more than \$1 billion from current funding levels. We are also strongly opposed to the Administration's ill-conceived proposal to convert the program to the Flexible Voucher Program—a block-grant type approach which would eliminate many of the critical protections people with disabilities have under the current Section 8 program.

The CCD Housing Task Force is a coalition of national disability organizations working to promote access to affordable and accessible housing opportunities and community supports for people with disabilities. People with disabilities have the highest level unmet need for housing assistance of any group eligible for federally subsidized housing. In 2002, approximately 3.7 million non-elderly people with disabilities relied solely on federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits worth \$545 per month. Priced

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